

SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY

The horrific Russian war of aggression that began on March 9, 2014, turned full-scale on 24 February 2022. The Russian army once again invaded Ukraine, violating sovereignty, international law, and human rights, committing acts of terrorism and genocide.

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This is not only a war against Ukraine, it is an attack on all of us and our common European values. Russia challenges not only the independence of Ukraine, but also the system of security, peace, rule of law, and democracy in Europe. Since the start of the full-scale invasion, Russia has stepped up its intimidation and threats against democratic states around the world, especially neighbouring countries, as well as, intensified disinformation campaigns, interference in the political processes of independent states, and imposing approval of its aggressive policy by weaponising food, energy and migrants.

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Thousands of civilians have been killed during the Russian occupation, and many more have been subjected to repressions and torture, infiltration, abduction, persecution, sexual violence, or forced deportation.

Russia practises the illegal deportation of children to the territory of Russia and temporarily occupied Crimea and forced adoption into Russian families, placement in boarding schools, and re-education in camps. Russian troops, using terrorist methods, have deliberately targeted residential areas and civilian infrastructure. The resilience of the Ukrainian people is inspiring, a people who have been fighting for their identity and independence for more than a century.

The Young European Greens stand strongly with Ukraine in its fight for the freedom, democracy, full territorial integrity, political and administrative sovereignty and human rights of the Ukrainian people.

We highly appreciate the support and assistance to Ukraine and the Ukrainian people provided by the international community. However, as long as Ukraine does not expel the Russian army from its territory, as long as Russia's political and economic influence on Ukraine's development as a full fledged European state continues, the Ukrainian people will not be able to overcome Moscow's imperial ambitions.

Unfortunately, the Soviet Union lives on, and it lives on in the Russian political elite, in many of the Russian people, and unfortunately in some of the countries of the former Warsaw Pact. The international community should demand demilitarization and denuclearization of the Russian Federation to reduce the risks of future aggression. Continue to support Ukrainian war refugees, facilitate their integration into the society of the host country, and provide them with employment, education and creating conditions for the realization of the rights of Ukrainian refugees.

We call on the international community to:

- Accelerate the pace and volume of military aid to Ukraine to counter the Russian war of aggression and ensure the retreat of the invading troops through the exercise of Ukraine's right to self-defence against the aggressor. Real and sustainable peace is only achievable once Ukraine successfully de-occupies its territories. The complete military withdrawal of Russia is a prerequisite to foster the needed cease-fire and to reinstate the talks that were in the first place broken off by Russia by launching an illegal war of aggression.
- Unite, be more persuasive and counter Russian propaganda, defend the foundations of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental human rights
- Resolutely condemn any form of military aid to Russia and Russian war criminals, as well as contribute to the creation of conditions that will make it impossible to transport equipment or technologies that may have a military purpose from European countries to Russia and Belarus. Military aid to Russia only contributes to the continuation and escalation of the war, increasing the number of victims and suffering among the civilian population.
- Continue introducing sanctions against Russia and Belarus with the aim of reducing their military, political, and economic potential for waging the war, as well as increasing pressure on the citizens of the aggressor countries to form a broad demand for an end to the war and the withdrawal of the invading troops from the territory of Ukraine.
- Increase and accelerate political, military and humanitarian support for Ukraine.
- Applying effective sanctions against countries that support Russia in its aggression and invasion of Ukraine, especially by providing armed support, as well as holding them accountable for complicity in the war.
- Impose sanctions on all third countries and companies that help Russia and Belarus to circumvent embargoes and sanctions.
- To be more decisive in targeting countries and their governments, businesses, and individuals that provide military assistance to Russia or help it circumvent sanctions.
- Further strengthen the international isolation of the Russian Federation, including depriving the state of membership in international organisations such as the United Nations Security Council.
- Facilitate the creation of an international special tribunal to investigate Russian war crimes in Ukraine and bring Russian and Belarusian political and military leadership and other war criminals to justice.
- Intensify efforts to investigate Russia's military, political, and economic crimes in Ukraine in order to bring those responsible to justice and public scrutiny.
- Increase support and aid for Ukraine, directly and through participation in humanitarian funding appeals initiated by multilateral organisations.
- Provide support and protection to ethnic minorities and indigenous peoples who have been affected by Russian imperialism and aggression, such as Crimean Tatars.
- Continue supporting Ukrainian war refugees, assisting their integration into the society of the host country, employment, and education.
- Avoid any steps that can be interpreted as equating the victim and the aggressor.

We, the Young European Greens, firmly maintain that a sustainable and fair peace in Ukraine can only be achieved on Ukraine's terms, and not dictated by the aggressor state. We staunchly advocate for the uncompromising preservation of Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty, and call for the immediate withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukrainian territory, as well as the restoration of Ukraine's borders as defined in the Budapest Memorandum.


- Increase the influence of European political and civil society institutions on the government and leadership of Ukraine to accelerate reforms on the path to European integration, fight corruption and economic crimes

We also stand against the violation of human rights and international law and call for the prosecution of the aggressor country and all those supporting the Russian war, acts of terrorism, and genocide in Ukraine.



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